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¶ By the King.

¶ A Proclamation for reſtraint of diſorders in Souldiers, preſted for his Maieſties Seruice.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, beeing informed of the great Spoyles, Dammages, and Loſſes that his louing Subiects lately ſuffered by the Violences and Diſorders committed by Souldiers, when they laſt paſſed through the ſeuerall Counties of this Realme to the Port of Douer; And his Maieſtie hauing a tender care to ſecure his louing Subiects, both in their Perſons and Goods, againſt all ſuch offences or feares, hath therefore thought fit, with the aduice of his Priuie Counſell, for repreſſing and preuenting the like Attempts, Actes, or Iniuries, by this Proclamation, to giue ſolemne Warning, and publiſh his Royall Commandement concerning the ſame; Wherein, to the end all pretence of Diſorder ſhall bee taken from the Souldiers, his Maieſtie in the firſt place doth giue ſtrict charge and Command, to all Captaines, Lieutenants, Corporals, Conductors, and all other Officers, Who haue, or ſhall haue any charge or command of Conducting any of the ſeuerall Companies, appointed out of the ſeuerall Counties of this Realme, to Plymmouth, That they doe, not onely ſee the Souldiers of their ſeuerall Bands and Charges reſpectiuely, duely payd their Conduct-Monies, and prouided for of fit neceſſaries in their paſſage, but doe alſo carefully Leade and Conduct them from place to place, whither they are to goe, keeping alwayes with their Companies, and ſuffering none of them vpon any pretence to Wander or ſtraggle from the reſt.

Secondly, That no perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, after hee or they hath, haue, or ſhall receiue his or their Preſt-money, doe preſume to abſent or hide himſelfe when hee ſhall

be called to goe With the Companies, noꝛ being in company, ſhall Wander oꝛ ſtraggle from his oꝛ their colours, oꝛ from the Captaine, Lieutenant, Coꝛpoꝛall, Conductoꝛ, oꝛ other Officer, to Whom the conducting of them ſhalbe aſſigned; but that they all behaue themſelues quietly and oꝛderly, as becomes good Subiects, Without offering iniury oꝛ violence in their paſſage to any others, either in their perſons, families, goods oꝛ cattell, oꝛ fall into any outrage oꝛ diſoꝛder amongſt themſelues.

And if any of the ſayd Souldiers ſhall, notWithſtanding this publique Warning, and their Captaines oꝛ Conductoꝛs care and reſtraint, bꝛeake out and commit any outrage, take oꝛ ſpoile any mans houſe oꝛ goods in the Townes oꝛ fields as they paſſe, ſtraggle from their Companies, oꝛ otherWiſe outragiouſly behaue themſelues, That then euery ſuch Souldier ſo offending, be by vertue of this His Maieſties Pꝛoclamation, fooꝛthWith committed to the Conſtable of the place next adioyning, and by him in ſafe and ſure maner conducted to the Gaole of the Countie, there to remaine Without Baile oꝛ Mainepꝛiſe, vntill hee ſhall be pꝛoceeded againſt by the ſtricteſt courſe of Law Which his fact ſhall deſerue, foꝛ an example to others to auoid the like offences.

And foꝛ the better execution of this His Maieſties honourable, iuſt, and neceſſary Commandement, His Maieſtie ſtraitly chargeth and commandeth all Lieutenants, Deputy-Lieutenants, Maioꝛs, Sheriffes, Juſtices of Peace, Bayliffes, Headboꝛoughs, and other Officers, and all other His Maieſties good and loiuing Subiects, to take care to pꝛeuent and repꝛeſſe all ſuch diſoꝛders, as afoꝛeſaid, and to be ayding and aſſiſting to the ſaid Captaine and Captaines, oꝛ other Conductoꝛ oꝛ Conductoꝛs of Souldiers reſpectiuely, and to ſuch Conſtable and Conſtables, as ſhall haue the charge of conducting any ſuch diſoꝛderly Souldiers to the Gaole reſpectiuely, in the due execution of this His Maieſties commandement concerning the pꝛemiſſes, as they tender their duety and allegiance to His Maieſty, and the peace and good of their Countrey, and will anſWere foꝛ the contrary at their vttermoſt perils.

Giuen at the Court at White-Hall, the fifteenth day of May, in the firſt yeere of the Reigne of our moſt gracious Souereigne Lord King CHARLES, of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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